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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

**F I N A L M I N U T E S**

MEETING OF:

**STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY**

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Board Room B  
2601 North Third Street  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

May 11, 2017

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State Board of Optometry  
May 11, 2017

BOARD MEMBERS:

- Carl J. Urbanski, O.D., Chairperson
- Kathryn L. Waters, Deputy Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs
- Davis C. Haire, O.D., Vice Chairperson
- Pamela Barnhart, Consumer Protection Member
- Jeffrey Becker, O.D. - Absent
- Luanne Chubb, O.D., F.A.A.O.
- Anthony Diecidue, O.D.
- Maria J. Wasson, Public Member

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

- Jacqueline Wolfgang, Esquire
- Elizabeth Wecker, Board Administrator
- Justin Cowan, Director of the Bureau of Finance and Operations
- Kimberly Mattis, Bureau of Finance and Operations, Chief of the Division of Fiscal Management

ALSO PRESENT:

- Ted Mowatt, Wanner Associates, POA
- Joseph A. Ricci, Executive Director, POA
- Brad Shopp, Feinberg Shopp Associates (FSA)
- Dr. Rachel Levine, Physician General

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The regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Optometry was held on Thursday, May 11, 2017.

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Official Call to Order

[Carl J. Urbanski, O.D., Chairperson, officially called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.]

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[Elizabeth Wecker, Board Administrator, reviewed the evacuation plan.]

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[A roll Call was taken, at which time it was established that a quorum was present to conduct the Board's business.]

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[Kathryn Waters, Deputy Commissioner, entered the meeting at 9:06 a.m.]

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[Chairperson Urbanski requested the guests in attendance to identify themselves for the Board.]

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Approval of Agenda

1 CHAIRPERSON URBANSKI:

2                   Are there any changes or additions to  
3                   today's agenda? Hearing none, is there a  
4                   motion to accept the agenda?

5 DR. DIECIDUE:

6                   So moved.

7 DR. HAIRE:

8                   Second.

9 CHAIRPERSON URBANSKI:

10                   All those in favor? Opposed? Any  
11                   abstentions?

12 [The motion passed unanimously.]

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14 Appointments

15 [Dr. Rachel Levine, Physician General, addressed the  
16 Board with regard to opioid use and measures the state  
17 has taken on the issue relating to the optometric  
18 practice.

19           Dr. Levine stated the response to the crisis  
20 includes prevention, continuing education, the  
21 prescription monitoring program, rescue, or the  
22 administration of naloxone and rehab treatment.

23           Dr. Levine requested the Board members review the  
24 prescription of opiates by the field of optometry,  
25 such as for what conditions, and also the direction of

1 the Board in terms of the prescribing guidelines, the  
2 use of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program  
3 (PDMP), and continuing education requirements.]

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5 [Kathryn Waters, Deputy Commissioner, exited the  
6 meeting at 9:24 a.m. and re-entered at 9:25 a.m.]

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8 Bureau of Finance and Operations - Budget Presentation  
9 [Carl J. Urbanski, O.D., Chairperson, welcomed Justin  
10 Cowan, Director of the Bureau of Finance and  
11 Operations, and Kimberly Mattis, Bureau of Finance and  
12 Operations, Chief of the Division of Fiscal  
13 Management. Mr. Cowan referred Board members to the  
14 provided budget packet for further discussion on the  
15 budget.]

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17 Approval of Minutes

18 CHAIRPERSON URBANSKI:

19 Is there a motion to accept the Minutes  
20 from the May 12, 2016 meeting?

21 DR. DIECIDUE:

22 Motion.

23 MS. WASSON:

24 Second.

25 CHAIRPERSON URBANSKI:

1 All those in favor signify by saying aye?

2 Opposed? Any abstentions?

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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5 [The Board discussed corrections to the August 18,  
6 2016 Minutes.]

7 CHAIRPERSON URBANSKI:

8 I would entertain a motion to accept and  
9 approve the minutes.

10 DR. DIECIDUE:

11 I'll move.

12 DR. HAIRE:

13 Second.

14 CHAIRPERSON URBANSKI:

15 All those in favor, signify by saying  
16 aye? Opposed? Any abstentions?

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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19 Report of Board Prosecutor - No Report

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21 Report of Deputy Commissioner

22 [Kathryn Waters, Deputy Commissioner, BPOA, recognized  
23 several Board members who moved through the  
24 legislation process and will be seated to the Board.  
25 Those included Dr. Urbanski, Dr. Chubb and Dr.

1 Becker.]

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3 Report of Board Counsel

4 [Jacqueline Wolfgang, Esquire, noted matters for  
5 discussion during Executive Session.

6 Ms. Wolfgang highlighted four laws included in the  
7 Safe Emergency Prescribing Act.

8 She referred members to the opioid prescribing  
9 guidelines, the prescribing opioids to minors consent  
10 form, and the Sunshine Act and Recusal Guidelines for  
11 further discussion.

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13 Report of Board Chair

14 [Carl J. Urbanski, O.D., Chairperson, discussed a  
15 letter from Mark Margolies, President, Pennsylvania  
16 Optometric Association, requesting the oral carbonic  
17 anhydrase inhibitors Diamoz (acetazolamide) and  
18 Neptazane (methazolamide) be submitted to the  
19 Secretary of Health for approval for use in the  
20 practice of optometry.

21 Chairperson Urbanski with the Board members  
22 commented on the health risks of decorative contact  
23 lenses, House Resolution No. 105, the Opticians and  
24 Contact Lens Technician Licensing Act, and House Bill  
25 627.



1 DR. CHUBB:

2                   Second.

3 CHAIRPERSON URBANSKI:

4                   Any further discussion? Hearing none,  
5                   all those in favor signify by saying aye?  
6                   Opposed? Any abstentions?

7 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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9 [Ms. Wolfgang stated fee regulations will be discussed  
10 at the next meeting.]

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12 Report of Board Administrator

13 [Elizabeth Wecker, Board Administrator, stated CE  
14 extension waivers will be discussed during Executive  
15 Session.]

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17 Old Business - None

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19 New Business

20 Election of Officers

21 CHAIRPERSON URBANSKI:

22                   Are there any nominations for Board  
23                   Chair?

24 DR. HAIRE:

25                   I'd like to nominate Dr. Carl Urbanski as

1 Board Chair.

2 DR. DIECIDUE:

3 Second.

4 CHAIRPERSON URBANSKI:

5 Any discussion? Hearing none, all those  
6 in favor signify by saying aye? Opposed?

7 Any abstentions?

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 CHAIRPERSON URBANSKI:

11 I'd like to nominate Dr. Davis Haire for  
12 the position of Vice Chair.

13 DR. DIECIDUE:

14 I'll second.

15 CHAIRPERSON URBANSKI:

16 Any discussion? Hearing none, all those  
17 in favor signify by saying aye? Opposed?

18 Any abstentions?

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 CHAIRPERSON URBANSKI:

22 I'd like to nominate Dr. Luanne Chubb for  
23 the position of Secretary?

24 DR. HAIRE:

25 Second.



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2 Public Comment Period

3 [Joseph Ricci, on behalf of POA, made the Board aware  
4 of two pieces of legislation currently pending before  
5 the Pennsylvania General Assembly. He provided  
6 comments on Senate Bill 668 and House Bill 1288. He  
7 was hopeful the General Assembly will pass both pieces  
8 of legislation.]

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10 [Chairperson Urbanski welcomed new members, Dr. Luanne  
11 Chubb and Dr. Jeffrey Becker, who was not in  
12 attendance.]

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14 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at  
15 10:32 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session  
16 with Jacqueline Wolfgang, Esquire, for the purpose of  
17 conducting quasi-judicial deliberations. The Board  
18 returned to open session at 10:54 a.m.]

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20 MOTIONS:

21 MS. WOLFGANG:

22 The Board entered into Executive Session  
23 with Board Counsel to receive advice of  
24 Counsel and to conduct quasi-judicial  
25 deliberations regarding the request for

1 CE extensions by Timothy Soh, O.D., Kelly  
2 M. Donlan, O.D. and David English, O.D.

3 CHAIRPERSON URBANSKI:

4 Do we have a motion to accept the  
5 ratified waivers and extensions?

6 DR. HAIRE:

7 I make a motion that we so ratify those  
8 extensions.

9 DR. CHUBB:

10 Second.

11 CHAIRPERSON URBANSKI:

12 Any further discussion on the motion to  
13 ratify? Hearing none, all those in favor  
14 signify by saying aye? Opposed? Any  
15 abstentions?

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 CHAIRPERSON URBANSKI:

19 I'll entertain a motion for adjournment.

20 DR. DIECIDUE:

21 I'll move.

22 DR. HAIRE:

23 Second.

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 [The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.]

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3 [The next meeting date was noted as August 10, 2017]

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CERTIFICATE

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10 I hereby certify that the foregoing summary  
11 minutes of the State Board of Optometry meeting, was  
12 reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and  
13 that the minutes accurately summarize the substance of  
14 the State Board of Optometry meeting.

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Ashley Hoover

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Minute Clerk

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Sargent's Court Reporting

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